

A portrayal Alice wrote of her mother a few years ago truly sums up Mary's remarkable personality. While visiting at Alice's home in Australia, Mary was entranced by the description of a woman as a "truly remarkable rare bird." This phrase fits Mary well, Alice says, because "there is so much about my mother that is remarkable and rare. In my mind, the mixture of exuberance and STICK TO-IT-iveness that she brings to her work in the garden has become a kind of shorthand for what I so admire in her approach to life. My mother is always cultivating something—in fact, she is constantly cultivating many things at once. With an abundance of creative energy, she starts more projects in a day than many of us do in a month, and—even more impressively—she has the patience and the persistence to see the majority of them through."

Alice describes how Mary brought the imaginative vision, inspiration, and verve of her gardening to everything she did, from the Women's History Project, to nurturing her relationship with Dave, throwing pots, cooking feasts, filling a neighborhood with trees, and "raising a happy and appreciative daughter who turned out to be a real, live feminist herself."

In addition to Dave and Alice, Mary is survived by her mother Ruth Moyer, son-in-law Geoff, and two grandchildren, Marcus and Ian.

Madam Speaker, Mary Ruthsdotter also looked forward to what women can accomplish. In her life she exemplified her own description of the path women's lives will take: "Holding prominent public offices and winning Olympic downhill ski medals may be new to women, but not because those possibilities had held no interest for them in the past. As social conventions change and women are allowed to do even more with our lives, we will." Here's to Mary—a truly remarkable rare bird.

HONORING NYASHA SPROW, RECIPIENT OF THE 15TH ANNUAL PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Nyasha Sprow, 12, of Dale City, Va., for receiving a Prudential Spirit of Community Award, a nationwide program that honors youth for outstanding acts of volunteerism. The Prudential Spirit of the Community Award was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in order to impress upon our young people that their contributions are important and to inspire young people to become involved in their communities. As a recipient of the award, Nyasha will receive a \$1,000 award and an engraved silver medallion.

Nyasha was nominated by the Prince William Chapter of the American Red Cross in Manassas. She is a seventh grader at Herbert Saunders Middle School in Manassas and is an advocate for organ and tissue donation. Her two sisters were tragically killed, and her mother made the hard decision to donate their organs and tissues. Following this tragic event, Nyasha has made advocating organ donation her personal mission.

Nyasha is a spokesperson for the National Kidney Foundation, where she conducts presentations for elementary school children, distributes literature at health fairs and speaks with the media. She also helps with fundraising events sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation and the Washington Regional Transplant Center. In addition to her work with the National Kidney Foundation, she discussed the issue of organ donation as a contestant in the National American Miss pageant.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Nyasha Sprow for her outstanding volunteerism. She should be applauded for her initiative in making her community a better place to live. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accom-

plishment that is truly extraordinary for someone of her age, and she deserves our sincere admiration. Her actions demonstrate the impact the youth can play in our communities.

CONGRATULATING NATIVE CENTRAL FLORIDIAN ZACK GREINKE ON BEING NAMED THE AMERICAN LEAGUE CY YOUNG AWARD WINNER FOR THE 2009 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Zack Greinke on being named the American League Cy Young Award winner for the 2009 Major League Baseball season. Mr. Greinke has performed at the highest level in every division of baseball, from the Conway Little League All-Stars to the Kansas City Royals of Major League Baseball.

His passion and dedication to the sport of baseball is evident from his many achievements and recognitions throughout his baseball career. The Baseball Writers' Association of America lauded Zack Greinke's Major League-leading 2.16 earned run average. He won his first six starts with a 0.40 earned run average, the third best start in Major League Baseball history. Mr. Greinke did not give up a home run through the first 83 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings he pitched, struck out 15 batters and threw a one-hitter in back-to-back outings in August 2009. Mr. Greinke won six games and lost only one, with a 1.75 earned run average during his final 11 starts, and pitched a perfect inning in the American League's 4–3 Major League Baseball All-Star Game victory.

Madam Speaker, I truly admire Mr. Greinke's accomplishments and recognize the hard work and dedication it took to achieve such a distinguished honor. I congratulate Mr. Greinke and his family on this exceptional award.